



## PARENT AND CARER UPDATED INFORMATION

# MOSSEND PRIMARY SCHOOL

The health and safety of your child and our staff is at the core of everything we do.

We have spent the last few days familiarising your child with new arrangements and there will no doubt be tweaks required, however everything we are doing is with a health and safety focus.

## ARRANGEMENTS FROM MONDAY 17TH AUGUST 2020

### DROP AND GO

We appreciate that families need some flexibility, therefore we are introducing a **DROP AND GO** start time for pupils in P2 - 7, replacing the staggered starts. You can drop your children off at anytime from 8:45am and **staff will be in the playground to supervise.**

Children can use any gate that is closest to them and make their way to their zone to line up. **Their teacher will collect them at 9am**, to avoid congestion parents/carers should drop their children off and then leave immediately, do not wait until 9am as staff are in the playground to supervise.

**\*\* Please do not drop off any earlier than 8:45am \*\***



### GATES, ZONES AND DOORS

Your child's teacher has been familiarising your child with their allocated door and playground zone, you can view the zones relevant to your children on our website and app and signage is in place at the gates too.

Adults knowing the zones will speed up drop off and pick up



This can only work if we comply with track and trace requirements, therefore the morning drop off is NOT for socialising of children, they must line up and wait in their zone until 9am.

**Please leave as soon as your child enters the playground.**

### P1, 2 & 3 HOME TIME

Parents/Carers for P1-3 children can enter the school via any gate and make their way to their child's zone. **\*\* It is strictly one adult per child for pick up inside the school gates \*\***. You must socially distance in the playground and as a courtesy to others we would ask that you also wear a face covering.

Your child will be dismissed at 2:50pm and you must then leave the playground immediately. If you have P4 - 7 children to collect at 3pm then please make arrangements for them to meet you away from the school gates.

### P4 - 7 HOME TIME



P4 - 7 children will be dismissed by their class teacher at 3:00pm with pupils exiting from their allocated door, they can leave by any gate closest to their home or their meeting arrangements. We would ask for your support by **NOT** waiting at the school gates with narrow pavements, but allowing older children to use the crossing patrol and to then meet you in surrounding streets, or where appropriate to walk home independently. **Parents/Carers of P4-7 children should NOT collect from inside the school playground.**

### ROAD SAFETY



As part of our curriculum, class teachers will deliver a series of lessons for P4 - 7 children on crossing the road safely at the traffic lights, this will reassure pupils with any arrangements you make for meeting outside of the school.

We would encourage all P4-7 parents/carers to discuss with your child an appropriate meeting point before Monday 17th August 2020.



# PRIMARY 1 START TIME

P1 children will now start their school day at 9:15am, however this arrangement will be reviewed at the end of August and further communication will follow soon.

Parents/carers should line up with their child outside the school railings on Clydesdale Road no earlier than 9:05am, in a one-way system which you can view on the accompanying video and class page on our app. Teachers will meet children at the gate and bring them into the school at 9:15am.

Once you have handed your child to their teacher, adults should cross at the traffic lights and then use the opposite pavement on the car park side for their onward journey to avoid congestion. We would encourage you to also wear a face mask as a courtesy for other adults and our staff.



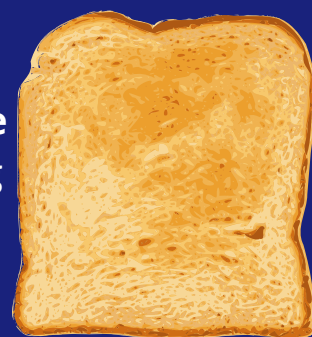
We appreciate that parents/carers are anxious about their children and we would like to reassure you that we have their best interests at the centre of everything we do.

Communication channels will be open shortly for new ways for you to speak to class teachers directly and to find out what your child is learning and experiencing throughout our school day.

## Remember to label all bags and clothing

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Unfortunately, we have not been able to secure cover for our breakfast club after the position had become vacant during the holiday period. We are working to get this back up and running in the coming weeks, but for the time being there will be no breakfast club.



We will update you as soon as we know more.

## MOBILE PHONES

We ask that mobile phones are left at home, but understand that for older pupils this is required for communication. We can no longer store these together in the main office, so if you allow your child to bring a mobile phone to school you should remind them that it **must** remain switched off throughout the school day and stay in their school bag at all times.

The school bags will be left in class during breaks unmonitored. We cannot take any responsibility, **pupils bring mobiles to school at their own risk.**

## OUR SCHOOL IS NUT FREE

We have a pupil in our school who has a **severe** allergy to peanuts, therefore Mossend Primary School and Nursery Class is **strictly** a nut-free zone.

Signage is in place around the school and we ask that you refrain from giving your child any food that contains nuts or may contain nuts. As you will appreciate, this is a serious matter that requires your cooperation.

## SCHOOL BUILDING

It remains the Government guidelines that parents/carers should not enter the school building. Should you need to contact the school you can do so by telephone or emailing [enquiries@mossend.n-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@mossend.n-lanark.sch.uk).

Class teachers will shortly be communicating information via our school app and we would encourage you to download this. Updates will also continue to be made on our website and we will update Twitter with photos/videos.

We are not able to respond to enquiries on social media.

## THANK YOU

This is a situation that none of us have been in before, we understand and share your frustrations. We have a duty to keep all children and staff safe and this means that routines that you may have had in place in previous years for drop off and pick up of your child must adapt to comply with the 'new normal'.

We know this is frustrating, but we live in uncertain and unfamiliar times and like everywhere else we need to find new ways of working within the guidelines and the risk assessments for Covid-19. Thank you for your support.

